Telecast/Broadcast of Hymns of Vedas

3721. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take any concrete steps to broadcast and telecast the verses of Vedas, recitation of Vedic hymns and Vedic discourses on a regular basis; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The broadcast/telecast of verses from Vedas, recitation of Vedic hymns and Vedic discourses is done occasionally by the electronic media in so far as they are related to the ancient culture and heritage of India.

Doordarshan Centres in Rajasthan

3722. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:

SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:

Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Doordarshan telecast centres and relay centres functioning in Rajasthan with their capacity and the locations at present;

(b) the population benefited thereby;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a new powerful telecast centre in the near future:

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent of population likely to be covered thereby:

(e) whether the Government have received any proposal/request to set up a powerful Doordarshan transmitter in the border areas; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The requisite information is given in the attached statement.

(b) TV service is at present available to about 52.1% population of Rajasthan. This includes the population living in the areas falling in the fringe of the service range of the transmitters where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining satisfactory reception.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) requests have been received from time to time for expansion of TV service in the State in general and in the border areas in particular. Schemes for the establishment of high power (10 KW) TV transmitters with 300 M high towers, one each at Barmer and Jaisalmer in the border districts of the State and another high power (10 KW) TV transmitter with 150 M high tower at Bundi are already under implementation for providing extensive coverage in the respective areas. Besides, it is also envisaged to set up three additional low power TV transmitters in the State, one each at Gangapur, Sujangarh and Sridungargarh.

STATEMENT

Particulars of TV Programme Production Centre & TV Relay Centres operating in Rajasthan

(a) Programme Production Centre (TV Studio)—Jaipur.

(b) TV transmitters

(i) High power (10 KW) transmitter—Jaipur

(ii) Low power (100 W) TV transmitters

1. Ajmer
2. Alwar

3. Anupgarh
4. Banswara
5. Barmer
6. Beawar
7. Bhilwara
8. Bundi
9. Bikaner
10. Chittorgarh
11. Churu
12. Deeg
13. Dungarpur
14. Ganga Nagar
15. Hanumangarh
16. Jaisalmer
17. Jalore
18. Jhalwar
19. Jhunjhunu
20. Jodhpur
21. Khetri
22. Kota
23. Nagaur
24. Pali
25. Pilani
26. Salumber
27. Sardarshahar
28. Sawai-Madhopur
29. Sikar
30. Sirohi
31. Suratgarh
32. Tonk
33. Udaipur

(iii) Very low power (2 × 10 W) TV transmitter—Rawatbhata

(iv) Transposer (10 W)
1. Jamua-Ramgarh
2. Lalsot

Akashwani Centres in Rajasthan

3723. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Akashwani centres in Rajasthan at present, capacity-wise and location-wise;

(b) the total population of the area being benefited by their coverage;

(c) the number of Akashwani centres out of them preparing and broadcasting their own programmes and the number of centres broadcasting the commercial service of Vividh Bharati;

(d) the number of cable relay centres;

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of Akashwani Kendras in Rajasthan in near future;

(f) the capacity of Ajmer Akashwani Kendra;

(g) the nature of programmes being broadcast from this Kendra;

(h) whether the Government propose to set up a powerful transmitter in Ajmer in view of its location;

(i) whether original programmes are likely to be broadcast therefrom; and

(j) if so, by what time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The required information is given in the attached statement.

(b) AIR's network provides coverage to about 335 lakhs of population spread over an area of about 3 lakhs sq. kms. in Rajasthan.

(c) Whereas there are at present two Vividh Bharati Centres, one each at Jaipur and Jodhpur, in Rajasthan, out of 8 Radio Stations presently functioning in Rajasthan all except the one at Ajmer produce and broadcast programmes on their own also.

(d) A cable TV network within a private premises can be set up by an individual without obtaining any permission from the Central Government. The precise information about the number of cable TV centres operating